Sample of Currently Participating Institutions

Air Force Institute of Technology

Carnegie Mellon University

Florida State University

George Washington University

Marymount University (in partnership with GWU)

Georgia Institute of Technology

Clark-Atlanta University

Morehouse College

(in partnership with Georgia Tech)

Spelman College

University of Idaho

Idaho State University

Iowa State University

Johns Hopkins University

Mississippi State University

Jackson State University (in partnership with MSU)

Naval Postgraduate School

University of Nebraska—Omaha

New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology

University of North Carolina—Charlotte

North Carolina A&T State University

Norwich University

Polytechnic University of New York

Purdue University

Stoneybrook University

Syracuse University

University of Tulsa

about the Scholarship for Service program, visit the website at www.sfs.opm.gov or contact the SFS Program Manager at OPM's San

Antonio Services Section, (210) 805-2423, ext. 506,

or e-mail sfs@opm.gov.

For more information







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Federal Cyber Service: Scholarship For Service Information For Students

Earn your degree in Information Assurance through the Scholarship for Service Program and help protect the Federal Government's IT Infrastructure

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You will gain valuable

practical experience in information assurance at a Federal agency.

Scholarship awards

are based

on merit.

Become part of an elite cadre of specialists dedicated to protecting the nation's information technology infrastructure as an information assurance professional. If you attend a participating institution selected by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and designated by the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as a Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education (CAE/IAE) you may be eligible to participate in the Scholarship for Service (SFS) program.

The SFS program, offered by NSF and co-sponsored by DHS, provides scholarship funding in exchange for service at a Federal agency as an information assurance professional. While you complete your studies, you will gain valuable practical experience working with a Federal agency as an intern for at least 10 weeks. Once you graduate, your hands-on experience in information assurance at a Federal agency will continue as you serve in a full-time position for the period equivalent to the length of your scholarship or one year, whichever is longer.*

The San Antonio Services Section of OPM works with NSF by providing placement assistance and coordinating student compliance with the program's service component. An Interagency Coordinating Committee (ICC) provides strategic support. ICC members include representatives from:

- NSF
- DHS
- OPM
- NSA
- Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
- Department of Treasury

Participation Eligibility Requirements

Students participating in the SFS program must be:

- Enrolled in the final two years of a bachelor's, master's, or doctorate degree program at an NSF-selected CAE/IAE;
- Attending school on a full-time basis while receiving a scholarship under the SFS program;
- A United States citizen;
- Eligible for Federal employment; and
- Able to obtain a security clearance, if necessary.

Costs Covered

The SFS program covers your tuition, room and board, and fees for the final two years of undergraduate studies, or graduate work while you pursue a master's or Ph.D. The scholarship also includes an annual stipend.

How it Works

Scholarships are awarded based on merit, evidence of intensive academic training in the information assurance field, and clear indicators that you can apply your education to real-world work experiences in the public sector. The SFS program is available only for students enrolled or planning to enroll at a participating institution (see back panel).

A Principal Investigator (PI) at your institution will nominate you for the program. Once nominations are reviewed for eligibility and merit, your participation will be approved by the SFS Program Office in the San Antonio Services Section of OPM.

As a student participant, you will receive scholarship funding for up to two years in exchange for service at a Federal agency for the period equivalent to the length of the scholarship or one year, whichever is longer.*

Service Agreement

Once you have been approved for the SFS program, you will sign a service agreement that sets forth participant responsibilities. This agreement is a binding contract and you should go over its contents carefully.

Placement

You will be required to register on the SFS program website (www.sfs.opm.gov) and complete the online resume which will be available to Federal agencies. Once you complete the registration, you can begin to explore the Federal agencies with which you would like to intern and seek long-term placement.

It is your responsibility

obligations associated

with receiving the

to fulfill your

internship and

employment

scholarship.

Early registration is important because you are required to serve an internship followed by an academic term before you begin your full-time position. Agency matches must be made early so that students have enough time to get security clearances processed if needed.

Participating Institutions

Participating institutions are selected by NSF. See the list of participating institutions on the back of this brochure or visit the website at www.sfs.opm.gov for an updated list. Institutions interested in participating in the SFS program should contact the NSF Program Director at sfs@nsf.gov.

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